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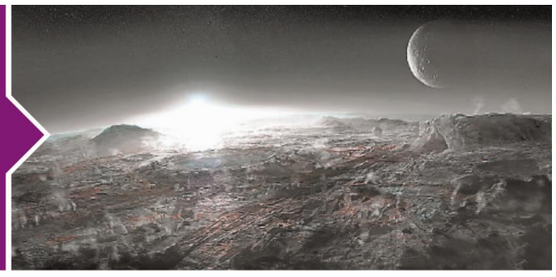

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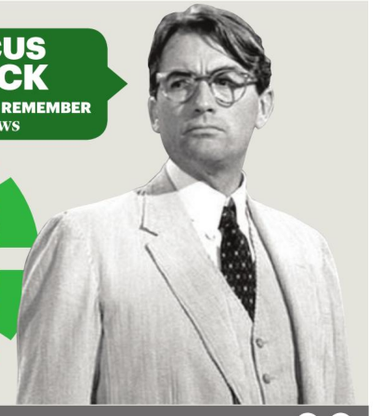

Comics in the classroom

James Sprenger's prototype for a digital graphic novel, Titan, uses interactive boxes and YouTube clips to explain marketing lessons behind the superheroes. Story in metroNEWS. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Mosquitoes 'non-existent'

PESTS

Dry conditions keeping bugs at bay in Calgary

Jeremy Simes
Metro | Calgary

Hold the bug spray — those pesky blood-sucking mosquitoes are gone. Almost, that is. And nobody seems to be grumbling.

"We're seeing very, very low numbers, like barely any," said Lincoln Julie, habitat management superintendent with the City of Calgary Parks.

The reason?

"It's because everything has been bone dry," he said. "The problem — well, not really a problem — is there's no habitat because of the dryness."

Around the city's numerous mosquito-trap sites, Julie said he's seen an average of 20 mosquitoes per trap.

"It's remarkably low," he said. "They're virtually non-existent."

He isn't complaining. In fact, Julie said the low number of pests — and mosquito bites, consequently — is more than favourable.

"The last thing you want is a ton of mosquitoes when you're outside enjoying the weather," Julie said.

Cory Letendre, operations manager with the Calgary Minor Soccer Association, said soccer games this year have been a breeze for players and their parents watching from the sidelines.

"It has made a big difference in the game. As soon as the play stops, mosquitoes have been quite ferocious in the past," said Letendre.

And there won't be a mosquito boom anytime soon unless a substantial amount of rain saturates the ground, Julie said.

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Cab companies question effectiveness of new fine

TRANSPORTATION

Amendment would mean fines for taxi fare evaders

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

A new fine could make riders think twice before running out on their cab fare, but drivers behind the wheel say little can be done to make them report these types of crimes.

An amendment to the Livery Transport Bylaw will be presented before the Community Services and Protective Services committee Wednesday, slapping fare evaders with fines between $500 and $1,000 for running out on the bill.

Currently there's no fine associated with a ride and run — offences that tend to be handled by Calgary Police Service.

According to taxi officials, there are only three or four annual reported cases of fare evasion.

But cab companies say the problem, which has gone down since cameras were installed in vehicles, isn't something they spend time reporting.

Associated Cab general manager Jeff Garland said those who get in a cab without the cash in hand already have an escape plan, and no fine is going to change the minds of those planning to ride and run.

"How much time are you going to spend retrieving $10 or $20," said Garland.

"Some of them don't even get reported by the drivers to the police because when they call in they have to sit there for a couple hours, wait for someone to take a report."

He added there is no incentive for drivers to make the effort retrieving a $20 fare because they lose business waiting for help and don't see any results if suspects are caught.

> **"How much time are you going to spend retrieving $10 or $20?**
> Jeff Garland

"In an hour or two they'll lose way more than that," said Garland.

City spokeswoman Carissa Vescio said the fines would be collected by Livery Transport Services.

"Having the fare evasion fine increases drivers' confidence and safety," said Vescio.

"Currently when a passenger is trying to evade payment, the driver has little recourse. With the attendance of CPS to investigate the matter, and the potential summons being issued, the passenger is much more likely to pay their fare."

The report stated the bylaw would help streamline enforcement efforts by putting an onus on Livery Transport Officers to issue fines — effectively alleviating the stress on the criminal justice system.

A cabbie gets into a taxi at Calgary International Airport. A spokeswoman for the city said a fine for fare evasion "increases drivers' confidence and safety." METRO FILE

ELECTION

Battle for Edmonton brewing

Edmontonians' growing support for the federal NDP could throw a hitch into Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper's plans for a majority government in this fall's election, new data shows.

According to new results from an online research panel conducted by ThinkHQ, of 1,442 respondents across Alberta who indicated they were decided voters, 54 per cent said they would vote Conservative Party of Canada. The New Democrats rang in at 24 per cent and the Liberal Party was trailing at 16 per cent.

But ThinkHQ pollster Marc Henry said the real story is the result in Edmonton, where, in the census metropolitan area (including Sherwood Park, St. Albert, Stony Plain), the Conservative numbers drop to 42 per cent and the NDP jump up 13 points to 37 per cent — and it could have a dramatic effect on the number of seats tallied in the federal election.

"If you look at Edmonton proper, they're essentially even," Henry said, noting that currently the NDP hold one seat in Edmonton and the CPC holds seven. Two more will be added for redistribution.

"The Liberal vote is collapsing and it's gathering behind the NDP. It's going to make a lot of the ridings closer to the centre (of Edmonton)… based on these numbers, if they hold, it's going to make them highly competitive."

"In Edmonton, they really like Rachel Notley," Henry said.

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IN BRIEF

Parkland County declares agricultural disaster over drought, grasshoppers

A rural municipality west of Edmonton has declared a state of agricultural disaster due to severe drought.

Council members in Parkland County voted unanimously for the emergency status. Mayor Rod Shiagec says he will be notifying provincial and federal officials.

He'll be requesting the region receive disaster recovery assistance.

Shiagec says moisture levels in some areas are the lowest recorded in the last 50 years and crops are devastated across the region.

He says grasshoppers have added to the problem. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Notley addresses oil prices after Iran deal

Premier Rachel Notley says it's possible crude prices will drop as a result of an agreement to curb Iran's nuclear program, but she's confident the province's oil sector will withstand any fluctuations.

The oilpatch has been contending with low crude prices for months and there are concerns that the nuclear deal could drive them down further.

Iran is an OPEC member and any easing of sanctions could bring down crude prices.

But Notley says Alberta's oil industry is resilient and has weathered the ups and downs of the sector before. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kensington Legion to get new building in deal

DEVELOPMENT

Facility would help boost finances with office leases

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

After years of trying and several setbacks along the way, Calgary's struggling Kensington Legion has secured a land-swap deal with a local developer that would see a brand new facility constructed with built-in revenue generating tools to help keep it afloat.

"We're elated," said Mark Barham, the legion's chairman of business operation trustees, about the deal with Truman.

Under the terms of the agreement, the legion would hand over its existing building and the land it sits on, but only after it takes over a brand-new facility built by Truman just to the southwest.

The new legion would include a bar and restaurant open to the public on the main floor, a mezzanine level for members only, and then two floors of office space above that the legion would lease out to help boost its sagging revenues.

The idea is to create a "fiscally sustainable home" for the legion, said Truman vice-president Oliver Trutina, by delivering a "turnkey facility" by December 2016.

Mark Barham of the Kensington Legion stands in front of a parking lot that would become home to a new facility under a land-swap deal with local developer Truman. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

The current legion building will remain completely operational while the new facility is built, Barham said, so as not disrupt service.

"Once that new building is built, we anticipate pouring a jug of beer in the old building and carrying it across and drinking it in the new building," he said. "Our process is to always have a place open for the members."

Truman plans to then demolish the old legion building and construct a "mixed-use, mid-rise, market-rate development" on the site.

The company plans to launch a public engagement process Wednesday and Trutina said applications for both projects have already been submitted.

A rendering shows the proposed new legion facility, left, and the mixed-use development that would follow. CONTRIBUTED

If all goes smoothly, Trutina said construction could begin on the new building before the end of 2015.

More information can be found at engage264.ca.

FORECAST

Real estate market 'stable'

Calgary's housing market is warding off the pressures of an economic slump, new data shows.

Royal LePage released their second-quarter housing report, and despite a provincewide economic downturn the survey said Calgary's real estate market is on target.

Ted Zaharko with Royal LePage Foothills said that when comparing this year's market to a record positive year in 2014 and a more average 2013, the Calgary housing market is "remarkably stable with only marginal differences."

The survey indicated Calgary's market has shown stability across the three main housing categories. Standard condos have increased in price by 1.6 per cent, to an average of $291,022, while two-storey homes have decreased in price by 3.1 per cent to an average of $474,239. Detached bungalows have declined in price by 0.9 per cent to $496,689 according to the survey.

Zaharko said the main issue facing the residential real estate market is a lack of inventory in the city, except for those who are in the market for a condo.

"Inventory of detached homes is reaching the low levels seen last year when Calgary was one of the country's hottest markets," he said.

Royal LePage forecasts that average prices for homes in Calgary will decrease 2.4 per cent for the full year in 2015, as compared to 2014.

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HOMICIDE

Two more arrested after shopkeeper death

Lucie Edwardson
For Metro | Calgary

Three people are now in police custody and facing charges in relation to the murder of Calgary shopkeeper Maqsood Ahmed.

Staff Sgt. Colin Chisholm of the homicide unit said CPS has a fourth suspect in mind in relation to Ahmed's death, but hasn't yet gathered enough evidence to make an arrest.

Jean Bertrand Havyarimana, 19, surrendered to police Monday, three weeks after a warrant was issued. He was formally charged overnight with robbery and second-degree murder.

A third man who hasn't yet been identified was taken into custody on unrelated charges and police said he will be charged Wednesday with robbery, accessory after the fact to robbery and accessory after the fact to murder.

Maqsood Ahmed FACEBOOK

His name will be released after charges are filed. Chisholm said all four suspects are known associates of one another.

The family was notified of the arrest of Havyarimana Tuesday morning.

Ahmed was closing up his business on the 4700 block of Westwinds Drive NE the night of Oct. 8, 2014, when he was approached and attacked by two men who stabbed him and robbed him of cash he was taking off the premises, according to police. The 55-year-old was taken to hospital where he died of his injuries.

In June, police arrested Lloyd Kollie, 19, in connection to the incident and charged him with robbery and second-degree murder.

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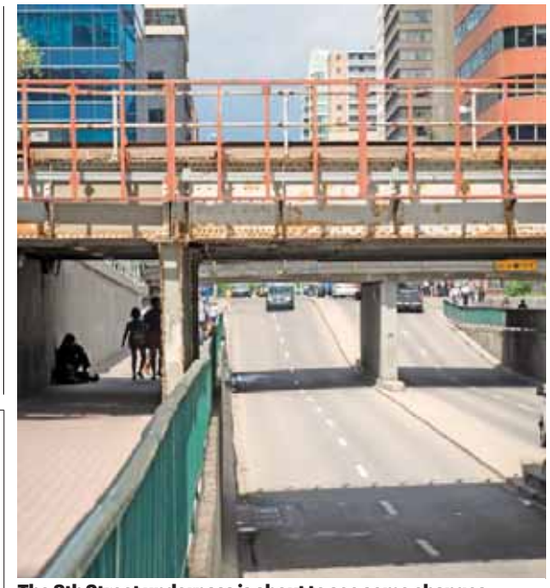

The 8th Street underpass is about to see some changes.
JEREMY SIMES/METRO

Facelift for underpass

8TH STREET SW

Improvements aimed to boost safety, esthetic in the beltline

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

The beltline community is thrilled the city will begin rejuvenating the 8 Street SW underpass on Wednesday, anticipating a safer experience for commuters trekking in and out of downtown.

The upgrades to the underpass have been a long time coming, said Rob Taylor, president of Beltline Communities.

"It's terribly welcome," he said. "We want (safety) to get better, and hopefully the physical improvements will do that."

The city said the $8.8-million underpass was a top priority: About 8,700 Calgarians pass through it each day. The high volume of people using the underpass each day highlights the need to enhance safety for commuters, the city said in a press release.

The underpass revitalization plans include the construction of new sidewalks, concrete surfaces and LED lighting, and the repairs and maintenance of the upper and lower retaining walls.

Crews will also repaint the bridges and retaining walls with a coat of reflective white to brighten the area, and construct a piece of public art between the two bridges.

"I think the brighter the better," said Calgarian Zac Imler. "So, if you're coming and going at 11 at night, I think it can definitely be better."

Starting Wednesday, expect some pedestrian and road restrictions until the east side of the underpass is completed.

Most of the enhancements are slated to be completed at the end of 2015. Final construction elements including landscaping won't be done until spring 2016.

IN BRIEF

Flood Recovery Task Force presents final report

Although it's two years behind us, the effects of Calgary's historic flood aren't yet history, and the city is still working towards bringing Calgary back to its pre-flood condition.

In a report before the Priority and Finance Committee Tuesday, the City stressed to councillors that although their Recovery Operations Centre has been shut down, long-term recovery is continuing. Of the 248 post-flood projects started as part of the Municipal Infrastructure Recovery Program, around 50 per cent have been completed and 12 per cent are "substantially complete." HELEN PIKE/METRO

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Comic teaches class basics of marketing

EDUCATION

Instructor grabs students' attention with graphic novel

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Walking into a classroom to find students crowded around a desk watching a YouTube clip or absently scrolling through Twitter has become a regular sight for James Sprenger.

The SAIT marketing instructor said he's noticed iPhones stealing the show during lectures lately — but instead of getting frustrated, Sprenger takes it as a challenge.

"Competing with YouTube and Facebook is difficult for a teacher, and you're dealing with this on a daily basis," he said. "So I thought, in order to be innovative, you have to solve a problem."

With research showing that 75 per cent of students in the U.S. aren't even buying assigned textbooks, Sprenger opted to take the content from an introductory marketing textbook and make it into a digital graphic novel called Titan.

Titan tells the story of a retired superhero who's forced to get back into the crossfire when his son squanders his powers on money-laundering and gambling.

"It's a human interest story about a father and son, something the students can connect to," said Sprenger. "But behind all that is all the same story of how companies mess up or make mistakes."

The interactive graphic novel links to YouTube clips, offers contextual explanations and even uses Titan's credo to explain mission statements.

The graphic novel is currently being pitched to publishers, but Sprenger said he hopes to turn the story of Titan into a 25-part series.

"Providing some sort of timeless context to the information brings up talking points in the classroom," he said. "So it's a superhero story, yes, but it has content buried in it."

After noticing a "digital distraction" in the classroom, James Sprenger created Titan, a digital graphic novel for an introductory marketing class. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

CRIME

Police ID victim of weekend shooting

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary police are reviewing closed-circuit video and canvassing the area for more information as the identity of the city's latest murder victim was released.

Steven Sharda, 20, was found dead in a vehicle early Saturday morning by officers responding to a report of gunshots in the 5300 block of Rundlehorn Drive NE. Another man in the vehicle was also located and was taken to hospital in critical condition.

An autopsy confirmed Sharda died of gunshot wounds.

Staff Sgt. Doug Andrus of the Calgary Police Service homicide unit said the second victim remains in hospital with critical injuries.

"His medical condition precludes officers from conducting interviews at this time," he told reporters Tuesday.

Andrus said the second victim is expected to survive. Police said the incident was not random.

"We believe that this was a targeted attack and the people responsible knew the victims," he said.

Andrus said CPS has conducted interviews with people in the area, collected CCTV video and are working toward identifying suspects.

The guns and gangs unit, gangs enforcement team and district police unit are all working on this case, said Andrus.

This is the 13th homicide in Calgary this year.

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

Steven Sharda FACEBOOK

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IN BRIEF

Calgary woman splits Lotto Max $50 million prize

Calgary's Nabila Batarseh has hit the jackpot, winning $12.5 million on the June 5 Lotto Max draw.

Batarseh said she had a feeling she was going to win. "It's funny to say, but I felt normal when I discovered I won," she said Tuesday, in a news release. "Honestly, I always believed that one day I would win the lottery."

Batarseh was playing cards with her family when she decided to check her ticket numbers on the phone. Her ticket was one of four — one sold in Edmonton, one in British Columbia and one in Ontario— that shared the $50 million prize.

Batarseh said she plans to retire, buy a house and help others with her new found fortune. METRO

Shredding allowed to resume at legislature

Shredding of documents can resume in most Alberta government departments after a review found proper policies are in place.

Premier Rachel Notley called an immediate halt to shredding in all departments in May because of reports that documents were being illegally destroyed during the transition to power.

Opposition parties cried foul when bags and bags of shredded documents were seen being hauled away from the legislature after the Progressive Conservatives lost their 44-year hold on government to Notley's NDP.

A memo recently sent to government staff says a review found that departments were using sound practices and shredding could be resumed.

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Ward boundary changes proposed

RAPID GROWTH

Former mayor heads up commission for feedback

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's ward boundaries will face a legal challenge if they don't change soon, according to former mayor Al Duerr, who began consulting with citizens Tuesday over what those changes should look like.

Duerr, who is chairing Calgary's Ward Boundary Commission, said rapid growth has led to unbalanced populations in the city's 14 municipal electoral districts and the lines will have to be redrawn, somehow.

"There have been a number of Supreme Court decisions that have been handed down that have clearly said that you can only have a maximum of 25 per cent from the smallest electoral district to the largest," Duerr told reporters.

Two possible scenarios are being proposed to rebalance the wards but Duerr said neither is "set in stone" and the commission is open to suggestions online and in person during five, four-hour open houses this summer.

The first open house is next Tuesday and the last is set for Aug. 4.

Duerr said "very few people" in Calgary actually know, off-hand, which ward they live in but said the way the new lines fall could have a great impact on many citizens.

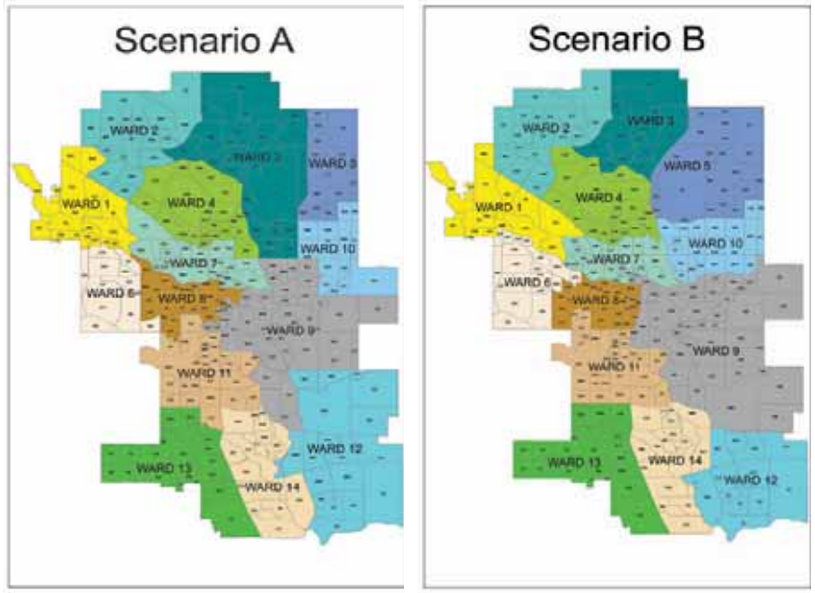
"People active in the communities, people who are interacting with city hall on a regular basis, they will know their ward, they will know the boundaries, they will know their members of council," he said. "And it is absolutely understandable that, ideally, they would not want to change that, if they have a good relationship (with their councillor)."

This marks the first time Calgary has actually consulted with the public before redrawing wards.

Returning officer Barb Clifford said at least minor changes have been proposed and approved by council prior to every municipal election that she's been involved in for the past 25 years.

Council voted in 2014 to create the independent commission in order to "depoliticize" the process, Duerr said, although it will still be up to council to vote on the final changes in December.

The commission's report is expected by October.



Two sets of new ward boundaries are being floated under Proposal A, left, and Proposal B.
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Rapid growth has led to unbalanced populations in the city's 14 municipal electoral districts, and the lines will have to be redrawn.

OPEN HOUSE

The next Ward Boundary Commission open house is next Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Genesis Centre.
More information can be found by searching "Ward Boundary Commission" at Calgary.ca

CHESTERMERE

Town hit by more flooding

Just two days after being inundated by flash flooding, Chestermere has again been hit by heavy rains.

David Spence, meteorologist for radio station CFFR, said Tuesday's heavy downpour was the last thing the community east of Calgary needed because the ground there is already saturated.

On Sunday, about 300 homes were affected by flooding from a quick but heavy rainstorm that dropped about 225 millimetres of rain in about two hours.

On Tuesday, there was enough rain to flood streets and enough hail to make the area look like there had been snow.

Chestermere Mayor Patricia Matthews went online to assure residents city officials were keeping a close eye on the storm ponds and infrastructure.

But resident Bryan Urie complained the community's storm systems simply aren't good enough.

"A regular rain, sure," he said. "But if you have more than just a regular rain, it's not going to be enough coverage."

Murray Dagg rushed home to fire up the generators and keep his sump pumps going. He said the biggest problem on Sunday was the power was out for seven hours, but he noted that at least that didn't happen on Tuesday.

City officials actually put out a plea asking drivers to stay off water-covered roads to avoid splashing water back into houses.

"Everybody here has sort of been scrambling, trying to get help from the insurance companies and also the work crews," said resident Debbie Deslauriers. "A lot of people don't know how to react."

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Appropriation of aboriginal symbols by non-natives is disrespectful, music festival organizers say. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE

Festivals ban native 'fashions'

FIRST NATIONS

Spiritual symbols aren't hipster accessories

Fans and artists attending three summer music festivals in Montreal can no longer wear First Nations headdresses as fashion accessories.

The July 31 to Aug. 3 Osheaga Arts & Music festival, Heavy Montreal Festival and IleSoniq festival have all banned the headdresses, out of respect for First Nations people and culture.

The Osheaga Arts & Music festival announced the ban in a Facebook post, saying: "The First Nations Headdresses have a spiritual and cultural meaning in the native communities and to respect and honour their people, Osheaga asks fans and artists attending the festival to not use this symbol as a fashion accessory."

The post featured a photo of a blonde woman wearing a headdress with a red line and circle on it.

The Aug. 7-9 Heavy Montreal festival issued a similar ban on its Facebook page, as did the Aug. 14-15 îleSoniq music festival.

The move to ban headdresses as fashion accessories has sparked strong social media support.

There was a firestorm of protest on social media after a woman was photographed wearing an indigenous headdress at the Winnipeg Folk Festival earlier this month.

"I was taught that headdresses are sacred, earned and worn for ceremony," tweeted First Nations member Dene Sinclair of Winnipeg.

"There's lots of ways you can honour a culture without taking a sacred object of theirs," Sinclair said in a phone interview.

Different symbols have different meanings in different First Nations communities, she said..

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ALBERTA EVENT ORGANIZERS AGREE

The Edmonton Folk Music Festival has banned attendees from wearing indigenous headdress.

Organizers made the decision this week, and it's welcome, said Aaron Paquette, a Metis artist and entrepreneur in Edmonton.

"It's in poor taste," he said of people wearing headdresses for purposes that aren't ceremonial.

"It would be the equivalent if someone were to throw something on, wearing a whole bunch of military medals. Obviously it would be disrespectful."

Terry Wickham, producer of the Edmonton Folk Music Festival, said headdresses have to be worn "by the right people for ceremonial occasions."

Anyone who shows up at the festival will have their headdress confiscated by security, he said.

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

IN BRIEF

Canadian women charged in New York slashing

Three Ontario women have been arrested after police say they cut another woman's face during a party at an upscale Times Square hotel.

The Port Authority Police Department says the victim required 36 stitches after she was assaulted with a Champagne bottle and drinking glasses inside the W Hotel Sunday.

The trio face charges of assault, gang assault and weapons possession. They were identified as Monique Boakye-Yiadom, 35, Aleesha Williams, 26, and Amy Walker, 30.

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Young orca rejoins pod

A Vancouver Aquarium orca researcher says a young killer whale has been reunited with its family two years after it was found swimming alone in a remote cove on the central B.C. coast in 2013.

The aquarium said researchers, who had been looking for two years, spotted Sam with its family on July 2.

Aquarium research biologist Carla Crossman said the sighting shows Sam has successfully reintegrated with its family and the group is maintaining social cohesion over time.

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Firefighting soldier found

A soldier helping fight wildfires in northern Saskatchewan became lost Monday when he went into the woods seeking privacy.

Brig.-Gen. Wayne Eyre says the soldier was heeding Mother Nature's call when he headed in the wrong direction on the fire lines near La Ronge. Searchers found the Edmonton-based solider six hours later.

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IRAN

Historic nuke deal cheered

Drivers honked their horns and dozens of Iranians cheered in a main square of the capital Tehran on Tuesday, welcoming their country's landmark nuclear deal with world powers, which they hope will mean an end to isolation and sanctions that have crippled the economy.

The celebrations underscored the hopes that many Iranians have pinned on the drawn-out talks. That public yearning for economic relief was crucial for winning moderate President Hassan Rouhani the breathing room to negotiate with Iran's nemesis, the United States, over imposing limits on the nuclear program.

A key question now will be whether powerful hardliners, including the elite Revolutionary Guard, which has spoken staunchly against concessions on Iran's nuclear ambitions, will acquiesce to the accord. They were largely silent Tuesday, most likely waiting to see the stance of the supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

"I am proud that my country has resolved this.
Ali Hosseini

At one Tehran electronics shop, men who had gathered around TV screens at the store clapped as Iranian President Hassan Rouhani started to address the nation. Among them was shopkeeper Ali Hosseini, 29, who watched both leaders' speeches live.

"I am proud that my country has resolved this critical issue through talks not war," he said.

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Mockingbird fans race to get new book

PUBLISHING

Harper Lee's just-released novel depicts Finch as a bigot

Julia Stroud was first in line to get a copy of Go Set A Watchman at the midnight release Tuesday in Harper Lee's hometown of Monroeville, Ala. BRYNN ANDERSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shortly after sunrise Tuesday, the doors opened at the Old Courthouse Museum in Monroeville, Ala., and a bell tolled.

In the hometown and residence of Harper Lee, it was time to start a marathon reading of Go Set a Watchman, the book no one thought they would ever see from the author of To Kill a Mockingbird.

Lee fans worldwide stayed up late, woke early or dashed off during meal breaks to pick up a copy of the year's most anticipated novel, Go Set a Watchman, which came out Tuesday after months of the most unusual pre-publication attention in memory.

From the moment publisher HarperCollins announced Watchman in early February, reactions of ecstatic disbelief have been shadowed by concerns about the book's quality, the 89-year-old Lee's involvement in the release and the jarring transformation of Atticus Finch.

"I don't think it's going to damage Harper Lee's legacy," Susan Scullin, a reading teacher in New York City, said of Watchman as she prepared to buy a copy at the Barnes & Noble in Manhattan's Union Square.

"It might damage Atticus Finch's legacy, and that makes me a little nervous."

Booksellers from Cambridge, Mass., to Downers Grove, Ill., opened at midnight Tuesday, while Barnes & Noble stores began selling copies at 7 a.m., two hours earlier than usual. Pre-orders have already made Go Set a Watchman one of the year's top books and did not let up despite lukewarm reviews and the news that Finch, one of the all-time literary heroes, was a bigot in Watchman.

Lee's attorney, Tonja Carter, has said she came upon the Watchman manuscript last year while looking through some of the author's papers. Watchman was written before Mockingbird but takes place 20 years later in the 1950s.

A grown-up Scout, now living in New York, is visiting her native Maycomb, Ala., and observing a community terrified by the Supreme Court's recent ruling that school segregation was unconstitutional.

Scout is shaken when among those joining the racist mob is the man who in Mockingbird stood against it: her father, Atticus.

"I don't think it's going to damage Harper Lee's legacy. It might damage Atticus Finch's legacy ...
Susan Scullin, teacher

"I'm nervous," said Cher Caldwell, a 43-year-old English teacher from Kentucky. "I'm reserving opinion, but I'm ready to be mad. He's the epitome of the moral compass."

At the Waterstones bookstore in London's Piccadilly Circus, shoppers used their lunch hour Tuesday to pick up copies of Go Set a Watchman. Some said they planned it to be their holiday reading, others said they wanted to know more about the beloved characters in To Kill a Mockingbird.

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BACKGROUND

Near-normalcy expected for Lee on the big day

Harper Lee, also known as Nelle, was expected to spend the day as she usually does at the 15-person assisted-living facility in Monroeville, Ala., where she is closely guarded and only a short list of pre-approved visitors is allowed to see her.

Wayne Flynt, a historian and author, said he met with her Monday and gave her an inch-thick stack of news articles about the release of Watchman.

"She chortled," Flynt said. "She's absolutely delighted. I think she's a bit overwhelmed."

Harper Lee's new book. THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP/HARPER

While Lee's day was expected to be normal, "normal means monotonous and boring, except when you just took over the media of the entire world, in which case it's a lot more exciting," he said.

Amazon.com has called Watchman its most popular pre-order since the last Harry Potter book, which came out in 2007.

At Barnes & Noble, Mary Amicucci, the superstore chain's vice-president for adult trade and children's books, said that pre-orders were the highest since the 2009 release of Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol, his first novel since The Da Vinci Code.

Sales for Mockingbird have doubled at Barnes & Noble since Watchman was announced.

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Fox hunting ignites tensions

UNITED KINGDOM

Debate sees celebrities protesting and Scots voting

Fox hunting is back on the agenda in Britain, and it's getting bloody.

Prime Minister David Cameron's government has stirred up a political storm by announcing a vote to loosen a decade-old ban on the divisive blood sport.

As animal welfare activists staged a noisy protest outside Parliament Tuesday, the government abruptly scrapped the vote, scheduled for Wednesday, when it became clear it was headed for defeat.

But the issue, far from being resolved, has unleashed a maelstrom of British divisions, pitting city against country, upper class against the modestly off and now English lawmakers against Scottish ones.

"The government has backed down," said protester Brian May, the guitarist in rock band Queen. But, he cautioned, "we have not yet won the war. There's no room for complacency."

Protesters dressed as foxes demonstrate in front of the Houses of Parliament in London, Tuesday, urging policymakers to keep the Hunting Act intact. FRANK AUGSTEIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fox hunting, in which groups of riders follow a pack of hounds trained to track down and kill foxes, is a centuries-old sport that has long divided Britons. Opponents consider it a cruel pastime reserved for the rich, while supporters say it is an important rural tradition and an effective form of pest control.

Britain banned the sport in 2004 after a long and acrimonious battle that saw hunting supporters clash with riot police outside Parliament.

Cameron's Conservative government, which has strong rural support, last week announced a vote on what it called "technical amendments" to the hunting ban in England and Wales.

Opponents called the proposal — which would allow a pack of hounds to flush a fox out of hiding but not kill it — an attempt to legalize hunting by stealth.

Celebrities including May, Ricky Gervais and Sadie Frost urged lawmakers to keep the ban. Paul McCartney said bringing back "cruel and unnecessary" hunting would cost Cameron support.

In a further twist, the separatist Scottish National Party announced Monday that it would oppose the changes — even though the party had promised to vote only on issues that affect Scotland. Opposition from the 56 SNP lawmakers and other anti-hunting legislators meant the government, which has a 12-seat majority in the 650-seat House of Commons, would almost certainly have been defeated.

SNP leader Nicola Sturgeon said the party had decided to vote because Cameron was out of touch with English public opinion — and to "remind the government of how slender their majority is."

Ironically, in Scotland, a pack of dogs can already flush out a fox so that it can be shot.

The defeat gives the government extra incentive to pass promised reforms barring lawmakers from Scotland from voting on bills that only affect England. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Boston's pile of snow trash finally melts away

The last of Boston's winter nightmare has finally melted away. Mayor Martin Walsh announced that Boston's massive pile of filthy snow has dwindled to nothing. The pile accumulated into a 75-foot tower after a record-breaking winter dumped more than 110 inches on the city. Beneath the mound was more than 80 tons of trash, transforming it into a repulsive heap as the snow melted. Officials say two storms struck after residents put their trash out, and it got swept up by plows. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. lawmaker wants to impound cars of 'johns'

A local legislator wants to combat prostitution by impounding the cars of suspected clients. Washington D.C. Councilman Jack Evans introduced a measure that he calls "Honey, I lost the car." It would require police to tow and impound a car when officers suspect it's been used by someone trying to pick up a prostitute. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Banks may not follow BoC

FINANCE

Key rate cut may not trigger national prime rate reduction

Canada's big banks may resist the urge to pass on to borrowers the full benefit if the Bank of Canada decides to reduce its key interest rate today.

CIBC analyst Robert Sedran suggested a 25-basis-point cut in the central bank's overnight rate could be followed by only a 10-basis-point reduction in the prime rate by the big banks.

"Either way, we would not expect an overnight rate cut to be met with a full reduction in bank prime rates," Sedran wrote in a report Tuesday on the eve of the Bank of Canada announcement that is hotly anticipated amid concerns the economy is in a recession.

If the Bank of Canada cuts interest rates, it will be an effort to jump-start the economy by making it cheaper to borrow money.

But a cut by the central bank won't automatically trigger a similar cut in the prime rate — currently 2.85 per cent — at the country's big banks.

Moves in the prime rate affect variable-rate mortgages as well as home equity lines of credit.

When the Bank of Canada unexpectedly cut the rate in January by a quarter of a percentage point, the big banks cut their prime rates by 0.15 — but only after a week of handwringing about what to do.

Mortgage broker Frank Napolitano said if the banks don't pass on the full amount in the event that the Bank of Canada once again opts to cut its key interest rate, they will face the wrath of angry borrowers.

"With the pressure that was put on them in January, they have to give back the quarter point," said Napolitano, managing partner at Mortgage Brokers Ottawa.

The central bank is expected to cut its outlook for economic growth this year from its April forecast of 1.9 per cent.

When the central bank cut the key rate in January, it explained it was buying "insurance" for the economy in the face of falling oil prices.

The damage done by the drop in oil has been more punishing than many expected, and the economy contracted in each of the first four months of the year.

However, economists predict the economy will rebound in the second half of the year, adding clout to arguments that the Bank of Canada should keep rates on hold. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's big banks could resist the urge to pass on to borrowers the full benefit of a cut to interest rates if the Bank of Canada moves to reduce its key rate today, a reluctance that experts believe could anger borrowers. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

POLL

Canadians won't borrow more if Bank of Canada cuts key rate: CIBC

A new poll suggests policymakers should have little fear of Canadians taking on more debt if the Bank of Canada moves to lower interest rates today.

The poll, issued by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, found that 93 per cent of respondents said they were unlikely to increase their borrowing if rates drop. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Walmart Canada shutters online photo store after possible data breach

Walmart Canada has taken down its online photo-processing store after learning of a possible data breach.

The company says customer credit-card data on its photo-centre website — operated by a third-party — was potentially compromised. The company says it immediately launched an investigation and will be notifying affected customers. It says it has no reason to believe that transactions on Walmart.ca, Walmart.com or in stores have been affected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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REAL ESTATE

Home sales on fire in Toronto, Vancouver, says Royal LePage

Figures from Royal LePage suggest that Toronto had the hottest real estate market in the country during the second quarter, with double-digit increases in housing.

The Vancouver market was also strong with double-digit price increases for two-storey homes and detached bungalows, although condo prices were up a more moderate six per cent.

But prices were down for some types of residential property in Montreal, Calgary and Winnipeg.

Royal LePage says other major markets across the country saw moderate increases or flat prices for most types of housing during the quarter, including Halifax, Ottawa and Edmonton.

The national average price of a bungalow was up 7.5 per cent from last year at $438,938, the average price for two-storey detached houses rose 6.8 per cent to $471,002 and the average condo price was $268,583, up 3.9 per cent.

Royal LePage released its quarterly report a day before the Bank of Canada's latest interest rate announcement and an updated outlook for economic growth.

However, Royal LePage said a further decline in lending rates wasn't needed to boost the real estate market.

"With most Canadian real estate markets across the country advancing modestly, and some rapidly, Royal LePage advises that a further interest rate cut by the Bank of Canada could over-stimulate markets such as greater Toronto and Vancouver."

It also said a decline in prices for some types of properties in some local markets has increased buyer interest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The national average for two-storey detached homes has increased to $471,002, up 6.8 per cent from 2014.

RETAIL

Same-sex spouses denied benefits

A Massachusetts woman filed a class-action lawsuit Tuesday accusing Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., of wrongly denying employee benefits for same-sex spouses.

Jacqueline Cote says Wal-Mart repeatedly denied medical insurance for her wife before 2014, when the retail giant started offering benefits for same-sex spouses. The couple incurred at least $150,000 in medical costs after Cote's wife, Dee Smithson, got ovarian cancer in 2012.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Boston seeks damages for the couple and any other Wal-Mart employees who weren't offered insurance for their same-sex spouses. It asks for money to cover out-of-pocket medical costs and punitive damages.

"I'm following through with this for my wife and actually for anyone else who has suffered a similar injustice," Cote said.

Wal-Mart issued a statement Tuesday noting it expanded benefits last year to include same-sex spouses and domestic partners.

The company said it had not seen the details of the lawsuit, but noted its benefits coverage prior to the 2014 update was consistent with the law. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Is what the Harper government is spending in the run-up to the fall federal election to rerun ads that tout the dangers of marijuana and prescription drug abuse. Health Canada asked the Canadian Medical Association, the College of Family Physicians and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons to brand the commercials with their seal of approval. Instead, in a moment of high drama, the doctors' organizations released a joint statement saying the ads turned a public-health matter into a "political football." Originally, the taxpayer-funded video spots ran alongside a Conservative campaign that blasted Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau's pro-legalization stance on pot. Once the writ drops sometime after Labour Day, rules dictate that the ads must be pulled again. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Droughts pose a slow, certain threat to Canada

THE SCIENCE

Stephanie Orford

We finally got the rain we wanted in Vancouver this past weekend. After weeks of drought conditions, the city was thirsty. It's just a taste of the drought effects the whole country has been feeling — an effect of climate change that will likely become the norm across Canada over the next few decades.

Drought is a slow but certain environmental, economic, social and public health threat that Canadians must take measures to adapt to. Government, the private sector and individuals need to think ahead and be prepared for its many effects.

One of the most immediately scary risks of drought is fire — the reason Vancouverites were praying for rain last weekend. The hundreds of wildfires across the province were making the city's air quality more like that of smoggy Beijing. The province's snow pack, which feeds our fresh water supply, is about five per cent of normal thanks to an unseasonably dry spring, turning our boreal forests into kindling.

The rest of Canada is feeling the heat, too. Alberta has experienced more than a thousand wildfires since the beginning of 2015, already up from the annual average of 710. Wildfires don't just drive people from their homes and cause environmental damage. The smoke can have serious health effects.

Drought conditions are a health concern even without wildfires in the picture. The lack of rain across Canada will increase fine particulate matter in the air we breathe, including dirt, pollen and air pollution, affecting everyone's health. Those who spend a lot of time outside — bike commuters, homeless people — and those who suffer from asthma or other pulmonary health conditions will be particularly affected. California's four-year drought is already causing health problems due to poor air quality. Canadian cities could see the same issues, and need to be ready to act next time an air quality issue arises — providing citizens with information on how to protect themselves, and even handing out face masks when needed.

Canada also needs to be ready to respond to increasing food prices. Drought and wildfires in recent years are threatening to stunt crops across the prairies, affecting rural economies and driving up crop prices. This is exacerbated by falling food production out of other regions also impacted by drought, particularly California.

Drought affects fish stocks, too. The reduced Canadian snow pack is depriving B.C. salmon of the waterways they need to spawn.

California's four-year drought is already causing health problems due to poor air quality. Canadian cities could see the same issues.

The provincial and federal governments should be ready to respond, perhaps with financial incentives for farmers who grow crops that are more drought resistant, and support for low-income individuals when food prices rise.

We need to change our habits and policies, at the personal and society levels, to adapt to drought and its effects in the coming years. Let's start thinking ahead now.

Stephanie Orford is a Vancouver-based writer. The Science appears every other Wednesday.

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Here's proof of the government's lack of faith in Muslims

It was a ludicrous idea.

Last week, a senate report on terrorism suggested the government help train and certify Canadian imams.

Imagine the same call aimed at priests or rabbis.

But that was only one of 25 recommendations in a report that seems written by hand-wringing outsiders huddled at the door of the Muslim faith, peering in through a keyhole. If we needed a document to prove our government's lack of ties to, and understanding of, Muslim Canadians, we now have one.

Take, for instance, the Canadian Council of Imams.

The council represents approximately 200 Muslim leaders across this country — a vast majority, as member Imam Shaykh Yusuf Badat told me. The group believes the report is deeply lacking in input from the Muslim community, and thus is deeply flawed, he said.

The council is only mentioned once, in a sentence noting that it disagrees with the conclusion that mosques are a source of radicalization. (Perhaps senators missed the news that 38 Canadian imams issued a fatwa against ISIS followers in March, denouncing them as non-Muslim).

Out of 58 witnesses, the committee spoke to just two imams, giving them equal voice to the Canada Revenue Agency.

The report recommends the government work with Muslims to "create an effective counter-narrative" to terrorist ideology. Meanwhile, Muslims have been in the business of discrediting terrorist propaganda since 9/11, Badat said.

But there is a wider tone-deafness toward Canadian Muslims.

"This year was the first time our prime minister held an Iftar (Ramadan feast) event," Badat noted. "He hasn't been to a single Muslim Sunni event, and Sunni Muslims are majority in Canada."

Badat pointed to the niqab ban at citizenship ceremonies, Bill C-51 and the new second-class status of dual citizens. "All these bills lately, they seem to be fear-mongering against the Muslim community," he said. "God knows best, are they deliberately doing this, or are they generally ignorant?"

And yet Badat is not discouraged by anti-Muslim sentiment. He believes most Canadians see the vast difference between Islam and terrorism. But even if that's true, the Senate report could only have been written above a low hum of Islamophobia.

And since fear is born of ignorance, now would be a good time to admit you know next to nothing about Islam. Then ask yourself: Who's a better teacher? The government, or Muslims themselves?

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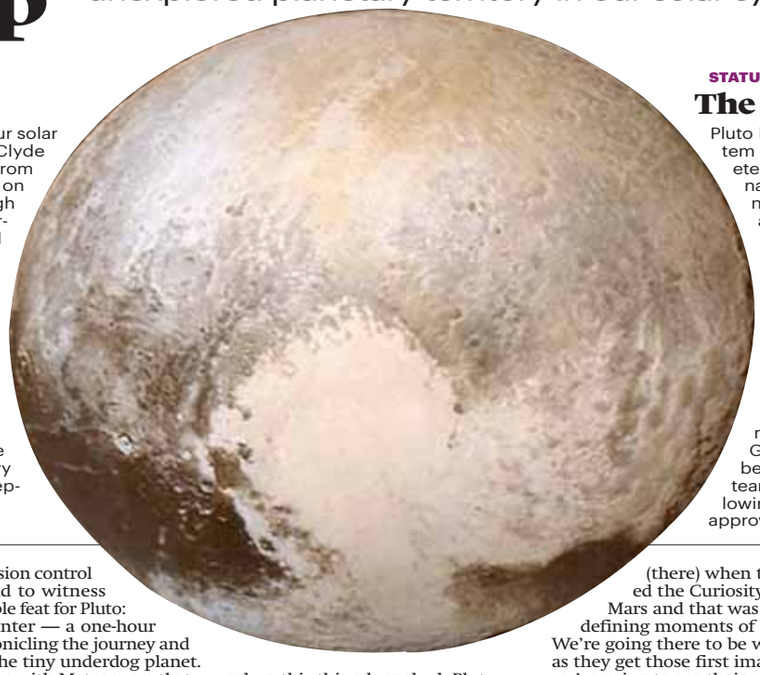
Whoopi Goldberg backing off her support for Bill Cosby after getting legal advice

Pluto gets its close-up

The tiny, icy dwarf planet is getting major attention thanks to its first visit by a spacecraft, NASA's New Horizons. Here's a rundown on the last unexplored planetary territory in our solar system. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



DISCOVERY

Mythological roots

Pluto is the only planet (OK, now former planet) in our solar system discovered by an American. Astronomer Clyde Tombaugh spotted the dot in 1930. The name came from a British schoolgirl, Venetia Burney, then 11, based on the mythological god of the underworld. Tombaugh died at age 90 in 1997, nine years before New Horizons took flight. A bit of his ashes is on board and his two children, now in their 70s, were at the mission operations centre for Tuesday's celebration.

DISTANCE FROM SUN

Forget the shades

Pluto is so far from the sun — between 2.8 billion and 4.6 billion miles — that twilight reigns. At high noon on Pluto, it looks as though it would be dawn or dusk on Earth. It takes 248 years for Pluto to orbit the sun. Thus, it's only made it about one-third of the way around the sun since its discovery in 1930. Every so often, Neptune's orbit exceeds Pluto's, putting Neptune slightly farther out.

STATUS

The once (and future?) planet

Pluto is the only planet to get kicked out of the solar system club. Just seven months after New Horizons rocketed away from Cape Canaveral, Fla. in 2006, the International Astronomical Union declassified Pluto as the ninth planet for technical reasons. Instead, it became a dwarf planet. New Horizons scientists, as well as NASA's leaders, are hoping the new pictures will restore Pluto's planet status.

FURTHER EXPLORATION

The twilight zone

Pluto is the biggest object in the icy Kuiper Belt, also known as the third zone after the inner rocky planets and outer gaseous giants. The Kuiper Belt is full of comets and other small frosty objects. It's named after the late Dutch-American astronomer Gerard Kuiper, who proposed a bevy of small bodies beyond Neptune back in the 1950s. The New Horizons team hopes to go after a smaller Kuiper Belt object following the Pluto flyby, provided a mission extension is approved.

Steve Gow
For Metro

Ever since it was demoted to "dwarf planet" in 2006, Pluto has been due for a bit of redemption — and now it may finally get some.

Yesterday, NASA's New Horizons space probe was due to arrive at the end of the solar system, intent on grabbing the first-ever up-close images of Pluto, ending 85 years of mysterious speculation about the icy globe. Daily Planet host Dan Riskin was lucky enough to be invited into NASA's mission control in Maryland to witness the incredible feat for Pluto: First Encounter — a one-hour special chronicling the journey and history of the tiny underdog planet. Riskin spoke with Metro recently to explain why everyone should watch the special, which airs tonight on Discovery.

Why scientists are excited

"You've got to realize that while we've been going about our lives, this thing has been headed toward Pluto for nine years (and) the other thing that puts it in context is that when this thing launched, Pluto was still a planet. Pluto famously had that demotion (to) dwarf planet and there are people who wish there were still nine planets.... We get into that with the special."

Why Riskin is excited

"That's one of the perks of this job — I get to put myself in places where I'm pinching myself. I was (there) when they landed the Curiosity Rover on Mars and that was one of the defining moments of my life.... We're going there to be with NASA as they get those first images, so we're going to see their reactions when they see the face of this planet — you can bet there are going to be tears. This is a lifelong fulfilment for a lot of these people."

Why you should be excited

"What's happening is actually a really important moment in the history of our species. This is the last of the original nine planets and we're finally getting a glimpse of it. In our lifetime, there just aren't going to be many moments like this — where we get our first look at something that we've always known about (but never seen)."

> **"The fact that it weighs .2 per cent of what the Earth weighs is crazy. I don't think people realize how small it is."**
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Gaffigan's sitcom self-portrait

COMEDY

All is well in TV Land, where Jim gets to just do Jim

On Jim Gaffigan's new comedy series, The Jim Gaffigan Show, the popular standup comic plays a comic named Jim Gaffigan.

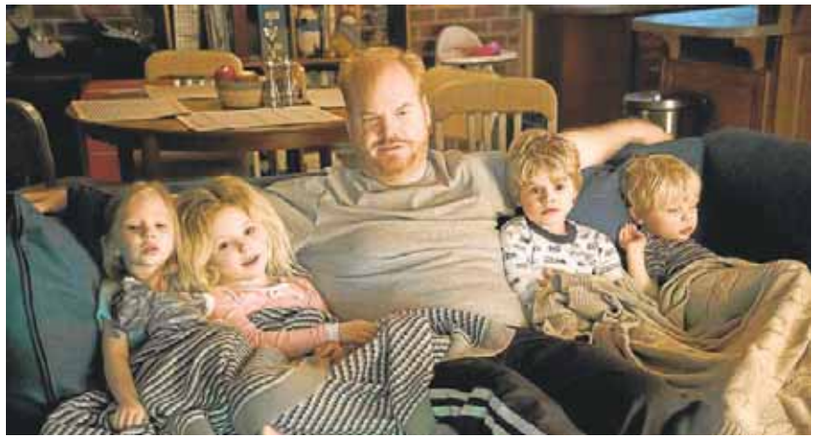
Like the real Jim Gaffigan, he's married to Jeannie, an attractive woman he readily admits is out of his league (played by Ashley Williams). They, plus their five children, are squeezed into a two-bedroom walk-up on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

On the show (which premieres tonight at 10 p.m. EDT on TV Land) Jeannie is cool, capable and kooky, which makes her perfect for Jim, who reigns as a serial bumbler with a food fixation.

All autobiographical? Check, check, check, says Gaffigan.

"I DON'T know what I'm doing! I'm NOT pretending!" he declares, his voice taking flight into his trademark squawk for emphasis.

With his droll summation, Gaffigan has dipped into his standup act, which explores his version of the Freudian Id (which, left to its own devices, he argues, "would have us lying in bed eating bacon all day").



Jim Gaffigan stars on The Jim Gaffigan Show as Jim Gaffigan. HANDOUT

As the co-creators, co-producers and co-writers of their new show, the Gaffigans have made sure it captures their uniquely dizzy world and comic vision.

Things were different 15 years ago with Gaffigan's first series, a CBS comedy named

> **This is not some network formula show! This is reality!**
> Jim Gaffigan

Welcome To New York. Jeannie, whom Jim had started dating a few months earlier, agreed to be his acting coach. But he had minimal input in shaping his character.

"I couldn't even pitch lines," he recalls. "The executive producers would tell me, 'I don't know if your character would say that,' even though I was playing someone named Jim Gaffigan!"

Welcome to New York had a swift demise, but his acting career flourished, with appearances on Ed, That '70s Show and My Boys, but such supporting roles tied him down with little screen time to show for it — and scant creative freedom.

"There's nothing that compares to the control of standup," he says. "Working for an hour-and-a-half a night, you get rather spoiled, especially with a growing family. I could eat dinner with our kids and then go to work."

But network interest in an autobiographical sitcom led Jim and Jeannie to reconsider series TV. It just might work: A self-portrait of their family, steeped in New York's chaos as they scrambled to stay true to their Midwestern values — including their Catholic faith.

"It's an important element in our lives," says Jeannie. And it provides more grist for the comic mill, as in the episode when Jim by chance is photographed clutching a Bible, which he fears will jeopardize his comedy cred.

The project found a home at TV Land, where The Jim Gaffigan Show now becomes part of that network's new, hipper initiative (also evidenced by Impastor, which debuts after Gaffigan's show).

"At TV Land, we could do exactly the show we wanted to do," Jim says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Fallon talks fall that almost cost him finger

Jimmy Fallon spent 10 days in a hospital ICU after tripping in his kitchen and injuring a finger so badly it required six hours of microsurgery to save.

"I tripped and fell in our kitchen on a braided rug that my wife loves," he said. "I can't wait to burn it to the ground."

Ten days in the hospital made Fallon a little stir crazy. "I started losing it halfway through," he said. "I started reading books about the meaning of life." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jimmy Fallon GETTY IMAGES

Jackman boosts fair trade coffee

DOCUMENTARY

Film follows his journey to Ethiopia and awareness

Richard Crouse
Metro | Life

The new Hugh Jackman movie could have been called Wolverine Goes to Ethiopia.

Instead, the documentary of Jackman's trip to the African country to raise awareness about the benefits of fair trade coffee and ethical consumption is called Dukale's Dream and debuted on iTunes yesterday.

The story began six years ago when Jackman and his wife Deborra-Lee Furness teamed with World Vision as ambassadors. On their first trip to Ethiopia they met a coffee farmer named Dukale, a man who would inspire them personally and professionally.

"When we met Dukale there was definitely a sense that he and Hugh had a great and immediate connection," says the film's director Josh Rothstein.

"There is just something about his personality and Hugh's personality. By default they both lead with smiles and warmth. There is something amazing about watching these two people from such different cultures just having this immediate connection. They both got a kick out of each other."

The connection made with this Ethiopian farmer deepened Jackman's commitment to using his fame to raise awareness for fair trade coffee. "He's well aware he has that profile and that's part of what we document," says Rothstein, "his sense of a responsibility. Of saying, 'I have this profile, what do I want to do with it?'"

Dukale's Dream is part of the mission but, as the film shows us, Jackman also put his money where his mouth is with the establishment of Laughing Man, a coffee company that only sells fair trade coffee and tea — products farmed using ecologically friendly methods and sold for the benefit of the farmer and consumer, including coffee that comes directly from Dukale's farm.

Hugh Jackman's new film documents his trip to Ethiopia to raise awareness about the benefits of fair trade coffee. HANDOUT

All Jackman's profits are donated to the Laughing Man Foundation, which supports educational programs, community development and entrepreneurs around the world.

Laughing Man demonstrates how consumers can be directly linked to the coffee chain to create jobs and better lives for people the world over, but Rothstein hopes the film opens eyes as well.

"I'd love to be able to look back and say the film really helped to move the needle in the space of making coffee a one hundred per cent sustainable commodity," he says.

"It has such a profound impact on global poverty and the environment. (We) can impact various industries with (our) purchase choices. That is the larger agenda. I think it is possible and I think there is something contagious about the idea that in our everyday lives we have power."

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Home pod brewers have taken over the universe and the landfills. The recent news that K-Cup makers are bringing back the My K-Cup may or may not have anything to do with customers having "passion for" brewing their preferred bagged coffee. It may indeed have to do with the cost and the waste.

We all feel badly about tossing these disks in the trash but is there anything new you can do with the detritus of your addiction to easy caffeine?

- All of the used coffee within pods can be opened and dumped into your green bin.
- Raw grounds can be sprinkled in your garden but only around acid-loving plants like azaleas and blueberry bushes.
- There are compostable K-Cup varieties available.
- Keurig commits to making all pods recyclable by 2020.
- Tassimo brand now has a recycling program that offers pickup programs or drop-off spots across the country.
- Switch back to French Press. It delivers more bang for your financial and nutritional buck. The longer the beans stay in contact with the water, the more flavour and nutrients they transfer.
- K-Cup pods have their own little following on Pinterest of craft/recycle projects.

We are living in a time when a cup of coffee is so much more than a cup of coffee. The taste of it is only the tip of the iceberg. Was it ethically and ecologically grown? Were the farmers fairly paid? How was it shipped and packaged? And what do you do with the waste?

Theresa is an on-camera food and health expert, nutritionist and writer who loves to spread the word on food.

BLOODY MARY

Add some Harry to that Mary

LIQUID ASSETS

Peter Rockwell
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While in Paris last month I made a pilgrimage to Harry's New York Bar. It attracts a lot of tourists thanks to its claim that, since opening in 1911, everyone from Ernest Hemingway to George Gershwin has darkened its swinging saloon doors.

I was after some liquid history. Harry's claims to have invented some of the cocktail world's most famous drinks, including the Side Car and the Bloody Mary.

Served by bartenders wearing ties and white jackets, a Harry's Mary is a true work of art that's worth every penny of its $20 price tag (at least that's what I keep telling myself).

I was curious about what vodka they used. It turned out to be Poland's Wyborowa ($21.99 – $26.40), chosen because of its forward, textured flavour that doesn't get lost amongst the mix.

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REVIEW

Compromised range, trunk mar solid Ford Focus

Mike Goetz
Metro | Canada

The Ford Focus Electric is an ideal electric vehicle (EV) for those who want to ease into the electrical revolution.

It is based on, and looks identical to, the gas-powered Focus five-door hatchback.

Driving feel also leans toward what petroleum users know and love.

The C-platform it shares with all Focus models makes Focus Electric a bit heavier than the Nissan Leaf platform, which was conceived exclusively for EV use. The extra weight meant Ford also had to go with a bigger battery, which added even more weight. Net result: The EV has a credible, though not great, 120-kilometre range.

Also biting into range is a cooling and heating system for the battery, and an air-conditioning system that seems to have a big appetite for electricity.

The motor is hooked up to a single-speed transmission, which makes the super smooth electrical experience even smoother.

The overall effect is a solid and secure-feeling small car, with the quiet refinement and initial acceleration launch of a big V8 or V6-powered sedan. At higher speeds the motor's limitations show up, but around town, it's a winner.

A high level of content furthers the upscale feeling. This thing's got everything: high-end stereo and navigation that responds to voice commands, backup camera, SiriusXM, Wi-Fi, 17-inch aluminum wheels, leather trim, and SmartGauge with EcoGuide instrument cluster.

The latter helps you manage your charging and coaches you to drive in a manner to get the most out of your charge. One of the things it does is display flying butterflies when you're doing well. A bit cute, but anything that's so visually easy to take in actually does work. Otherwise, you need to apply yourself to learn all the charging options, and learn the Ford MyTouch system, which is not state-of-the-art intuitive.

The rear seats are just as accommodating at those found in regular Focus models, but the big battery seriously compromises the cargo area.

My daily commute is not long, but I do have one, and this Focus completed it all week, with some errand running, on one, overnight charge. And it did all its electrical magic with a very "natural" feel that didn't need a lot of emotional adjustment on my part.

DRIVING FORCE

Drivers should heed signs of drowsiness

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

All drivers know they shouldn't drink and drive, but not everyone realizes that being sleepy can be just as dangerous. If you're drowsy behind the wheel, your steering and reaction time can potentially be just as poor as if you're intoxicated.

"You can lose your ability to see signs, to see clearly, or to make effective decisions," says Teresa Di Felice, director of driver training for CAA South Central Ontario. "A lot of things are happening on the road, and you might not respond in a timely manner to road conditions and driving."

A report by Canada's Traffic Injury Research Foundation found that an estimated 26 per cent of all crashes involving injury or death are due to driver fatigue. Another survey also found that about 60 per cent of Canadian drivers admitted to occasionally driving when they were too tired, while 15 per cent said they had fallen asleep behind the wheel.

Time to pull over

Some of the danger signs include difficulty focusing or keeping your eyes open; excessive yawning or blinking; missing traffic signs or exits, or not remembering the last few kilometres you've driven; having wandering or disconnected thoughts; drifting out of your lane; feeling restless or irritable; tailgating or hitting the brakes for no reason; or having trouble keeping your head up.

"People just want to get to where they're going, and they say they're not going to stop," Di Felice says.

"If you're on a highway and it's a monotonous drive, it can (put you) in the mode of being drowsy because you're not as visually stimulated. And everyone's so busy and there's lack of sleep. If you're falling below that seven to nine hours of recommended sleep for adults, or eight and a half to 10 for teenagers, your mind and body will be tired," Di Felice adds.

Brake for breaks

On a long drive, it's recommended that you stop roughly every two hours for a 10-minute break, which you should spend walking around the car and perhaps getting a caffeinated drink or something light to eat, such as a piece of fruit.

If you find you're just too tired and don't have anyone who can take the wheel, find a safe place to pull over and nap in the vehicle for 20 to 40 minutes.

Drowsiness can often be more of a problem when you're closer to home, since the area is familiar and you're not paying as much attention. You're also less likely to consider pulling over for a rest if your destination isn't far away, but if you're tired, resist the temptation to push through, and take a break to stay safe.

Content is king in older Kia Optimas

USED VEHICLE

Iffy steering response may affect 2011-2014 models

A heavily revised version of the popular Kia Optima is hitting the market, moving the recent full generation of the stylish four-door into used-vehicle territory.

Launched in 2011 with standout looks that set it apart, this value-based sedan was set on showing off the Korean brand's styling capabilities.

Potential buyers of a used model should run the navigation, Bluetooth, chilled seats, heated steering wheel, panoramic sunroof, and all steering-wheel mounted controls through their paces several times to confirm proper functionality.

Numerous owners have complained of a difficulty in keeping the Optima centred in their lane at highway speeds. The problem looks to stem from the lazy and loose calibration of the steering system. Some owners have had the dealership reprogram the steering system to be "stiffer" as a fix. Note a bad alignment, typically evidenced by uneven wear across the treads of the tires, could also result in vague steering feel. On a test drive, spend quality time with your Optima candidate at highway speeds to confirm you're OK with the steering feel and response.

Note any sporadic performance, surging or sluggishness from the engine at light, moderate and full throttle, which could be evidence of a bad high pressure fuel pump. Having a technician scan the ECU can reveal problems with this component, so be sure to have it checked out.

Note any clumsiness, hard shifting or hesitation from the automatic transmission. An out-of-spec transmission fluid temperature sensor can cause issues, and the problem is well documented in the owners' community. This issue is electronic, not mechanical in nature — though it should be addressed, likely via Technical Service Bulletin TRANS 043, which specified the installation of a revised sensor.

Other complaints are fairly minor, such as squeaky seats, a remote keyless ignition system that can lose its memory if the battery gets too low, and a push-button ignition switch that fails to start the engine quickly. JUSTIN PRITCHARD

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Features

Optima was available with a plethora of trim grades and packages for a range of needs. Go for a top-line model and you'll get a panoramic sunroof, climate controlled seats, heated steering wheel, premium audio system with multi-media hub, push-button start, xenon lights, navigation, automatic everything and plenty more.

Engines

Most used models will pack a 2.4-litre four-cylinder with 200 horsepower and a six-speed automatic. A six-speed manual was available in basic Optima models. A 2-litre turbo engine was available on Optima SX Turbo models, with 274 horsepower and an automatic transmission. All units were front-wheel drive.

What owners like

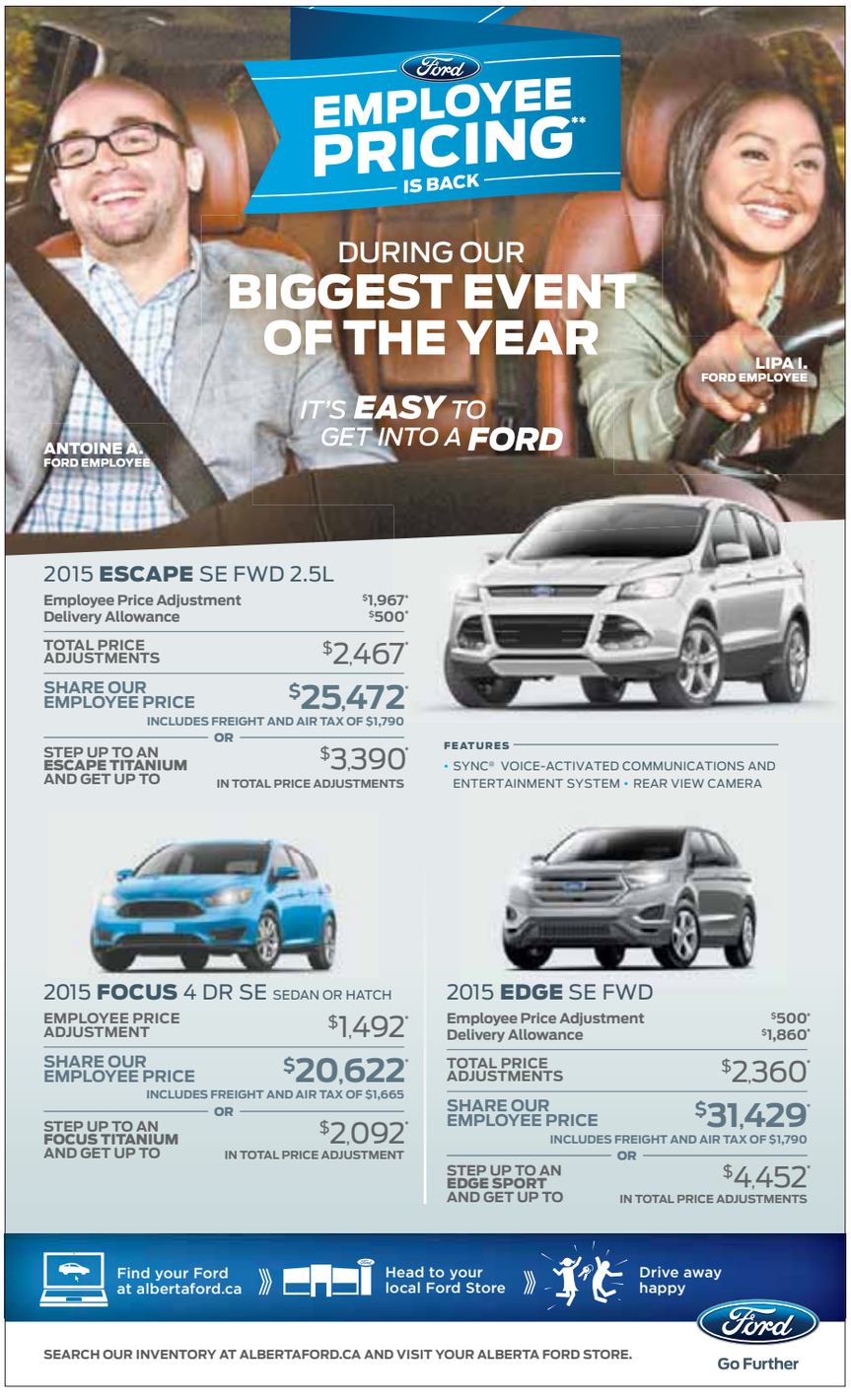
Owners rate Optima's overall value highly, with most reporting tremendous satisfaction with the feature content to price ratio. Styling and the panoramic roof were also highly rated — as is performance from turbocharged models.

What owners dislike

Complaints include a dull and boring engine sound, slow-to-react paddle shifters and rear-seat headroom. Some owners wish for a touch more snap from the standard engine, too.

The verdict

Most common issues are well documented and easily diagnosed and repaired, and Kia's lengthy warranty means shoppers should have no problems finding a model with remaining coverage.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Meet the new Shelby GT350

It's not often an engine nearly overshadows the car it's going into, but the new 5.2-litre V8 with a 'flat-plane' crankshaft will be exclusive to the 2016 Ford Mustang Shelby GT350 and the track-focused GT350R. **JEFF MELNYCHUK** WHEELBASE MEDIA

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AUTO NEWS MIAMI VICE FERRARI UP FOR AUCTION IN AUGUST

The 1986 Ferrari Testarossa from Miami Vice. WILLIAM STERN, COURTESY OF MECUM AUCTIONS

The 1986 Ferrari Testarossa used in the classic '80s cop show Miami Vice will be going under the hammer at the Mecum Daytime Auction in Monterey, Calif., on Aug. 15. The star of Miami Vice wasn't Don Johnson or Philip Michael Thomas, it was the bright white Ferrari Testarossa the undercover cops used to chase down drug dealers and other miscreants. The car has been sitting in storage since the show finished in 1989 and was only unpacked earlier this year for a full engine-out service. It has 25,949 kilometres on the clock and has been authenticated by Ferrari Classiche. Mecum has yet to place an estimate on the car, but a standard, immaculate Testarossa can fetch more than $150,000 at auction. For a car as iconic as this, however, the figure could be 10 times higher. AFP

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Renault to resurrect sporty brand

Renault is to relaunch an Alpine program, with plans to release a first model by the end of 2016, probably inspired by the Célébration show-car.

Presented at Le Mans in France ahead of the prestigious 24-hour race last month, and then at Goodwood in England during the Festival of Speed, the Alpine Célébration bills itself as a sporty two-seater coupe in the spirit of the old competition Alpines.

The car stands out thanks to its relatively low profile, sloping, creased hood, sculpted sides, distinctive rear window and other design details, all clear echoes of models like the A110 that have featured so prominently in Alpine's glorious history.

According to industry press, the new car foreshadows a future production model that will likely have a four-cylinder 1.8-litre gas engine pushing out between 250 and 300hp and with a total weight of about 1.2 tonnes.

This new Alpine could even roll out with different power units for different versions, making it a direct rival to cars such as the Alfa Romeo 4C and the Lotus Elise.

The first model, in the spirit of the A110, could make its first appearance at the 2016 Paris Auto Show and be commercialized shortly thereafter. Other Alpine projects are also supposedly in the works, including an SUV.

Founded in 1955 by Jean Rédélé, a manufacturer of racing and sports cars that used rear-mounted Renault engines, Alpine merged with Renault in 1965. Beyond its production cars, the brand made a name for itself in rallying, where it won the constructor's championship in 1973, and also at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, where the Renault Alpine dominated the race in 1978.

Though the brand closed shop in 1995, the Alpine name made a comeback in 2013 in endurance racing. AFP

The Alpine Célébration takes the spotlight June 13 at the 24 Hours of Le Mans race in France. FRÉDÉRIC LE FLOC'H /DPPI

FUEL EFFICIENCY

Honda sets record

Two members of Honda's research and development team have managed to achieve an average fuel economy of 100.31mpg (2.8l/100 kilometres) during a drive across Europe in a standard, diesel-powered Honda Civic Tourer.

The accomplishment marks a new Guinness World Record for Lowest Fuel Consumption — All 24 Contiguous EU Countries.

The journey, which started in Aalst, Belgium, saw the car travel clockwise through each of the 24 contiguous EU countries and cover 13,497.57 kilometres in 25 days.

As well as averaging 100.31mpg — a 25 per cent increase on the car's officially quoted fuel efficiency (74.3mpg) — the Civic Tourer also averaged 1,500 kilometres on a tank of fuel, meaning there were only nine refuelling stops in total. AFP

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Halifax gymnast Ellie Black won her third medal of the Pan Am Games, taking bronze in women's vault

Paddlers pad gold-medal tally

PAN AM 2015

Canadian rowers add handful of top finishes

A large contingent of family and friends braved the rain to watch local rower Carling Zeeman dominate the competition.

Zeeman won the women's single sculls race at the Pan American Games on Tuesday, finishing more than seven seconds ahead of her closest competitor.

"It's kind of a special moment for me," she said. "And it really touches me that everyone is coming out to watch. It is a rainy day but it's certainly not dampening any spirits at the finish line. The momentum they have going down there is just, it's unbelievable. I love it. It just adds to the fun of racing."

That win set the stage for another huge day for Canadian rowers at the Royal Henley course in St. Catharines, Ont. Canada won three rowing gold medals to increase its total to seven — five golds and two bronze — with one more day of racing to go.

It was also another multi-medal day for Canada's paddlers competing a few kilometres down the highway at the Welland Flatwater Centre.

Zeeman, from nearby Cambridge, Ont., kicked things off for the rowers, winning the women's sculls in seven minutes 30.86 seconds, easily outdistancing Katherine McFetridge of the United States.

"It was my plan to go out hard and stay out in front," she said.

That victory was followed with a gold medal in the women's lightweight double sculls by Victoria's Liz Fenje and Katherine Sauks of Owen Sound, Ont.

Fenje and Sauks won with a time of 6:57.23. The held off a late charge from the Cubans, who took silver in 7:00.36.

"We actually didn't have the greatest first couple of strokes in our race, but suddenly we just locked into it and felt ourselves pulling away," said Sauks.

Jason McCoombs of Dartmouth, N.S., added a silver in the C-1 200 metres, while Michelle Russell of Fall River, N.S., won silver in the women's K-1 200.

Canada finished the day of racing by winning the men's quad sculls.

Matthew Buie of Duntroon, Ont., Julien Bahain of Sherbrooke, Que., Will Dean of Kelowna, B.C. and Rob Gibson of Kingston, Ont., also led the race and won with a time of 5:42.22 seconds.

"Going out right off the start we wanted to get a solid lead because we knew once we came down here (the midway at Henley Island) it could get pretty rough and it's really hard to come back from behind in this rough water," Buie said.

In Welland, Mark de Jonge of Halifax and Laurence Vincent Lapointe of Trois-Rivieres, Que., led the medal rush with golds.

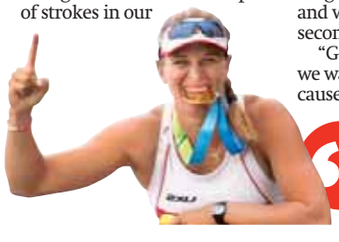
De Jonge captured gold in the K-1200 metres, and has his sights set on the top of the medal podium at next year's Rio Olympics.

"We were training pretty hard last week and didn't have that taper going into this as much as we would for worlds," de Jonge said. "But you just have to deal with it. The long-term goal is qualifying for the Olympics, and ultimately win a gold medal at the Olympics."

Vincent Lapointe dominated the women's C-1 200 in the event's Pan Am Games debut, roaring to gold by a margin of more than two seconds.

"I was tired at the end, but I said to myself, 'This is the Pan Am (Games), I can't give up," she said. "I gave my all for Canada."

De Jonge and Pierre-Luc Poulin of Lac-Beauport, Que., also earned a bronze in the men's K-2 200 metres, earning a tie with Brazil. THE CANADIAN PRESS



It is a rainy day but it's certainly not dampening any spirits at the finish line.
Carling Zeeman

Mark de Jonge of Halifax captured gold in the K-1 200 metres in Welland on Tuesday. AARON LYNETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canada's canoeists and kayakers won five medals Tuesday, including two gold, giving the host country 10 overall in sprint events.

SWIMMING

Pair of golds for Winnipeg freestyler van Landeghem

Winnipeg's Chantal van Landeghem beat decorated American swimmer Natalie Coughlin on Tuesday to win the gold medal in the women's 100-metre freestyle at the Pan American Games.

Van Landeghem claimed Canada's first swimming medal of the Games in 53.83 seconds to set a new Pan Am record. Coughlin took silver in 54.06 seconds.

Van Landeghem then teamed with Sandrine Mainville of Boucherville, Que., Montreal's Katerine Savard and Toronto's Michelle Williams to win the women's 4x100 relay in a Pan Am record time of 3:36.80.

Chantal van Landeghem FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada added another gold when Montreal's Audrey Lacroix won the women's 200-metre butterfly in two minutes 7.68 seconds.

In the men's 100-metre freestyle, Santo Condorelli of Kenora, Ont., won the silver medal in 48.57 seconds.

The men's 4x100 relay team added another silver, while Zack Chetrat of Oakville, Ont., added bronze in the men's 200 butterfly. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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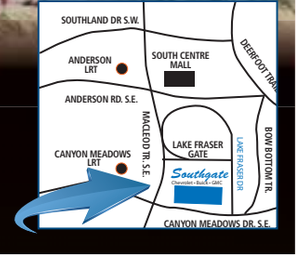

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MLB commish wary of shortening season

BASEBALL

Easing schedule for players a 'major, major economic issue'

Cutting the length of Major League Baseball's regular-season schedule could be tied to reconfiguring the post-season.

Baseball players are increasingly complaining of the toll of playing 162 games in 183 days. The schedule was 154 games before the AL added eight games when it expanded in 1961, and the National League adopted the new format when it added two teams for the 1962 season.

"A shortened schedule is a major, major economic issue," commissioner Rob Manfred told the Baseball Writers' Association of America on Tuesday.

"We sell out in a lot of markets in terms of gates. The gates are really valuable to us. We have television commitments. Each local contract varies, but there are game guarantees that could be affected by a shortened season."

Baseball's national television contracts run through the 2021 season and are based on the current format. Local broadcast deals would be impacted by a schedule change.

"Usually when you have a big economic issue where you're giving up revenue, you've got to figure out something that is offsetting in the other direction," Manfred said. "The one obvious possibility is you make a change in terms of playoff format. I'm not suggesting that we're anywhere on either of those topics, but I do think if you shorten the season, there would be pressure to look at the post-season, as well." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CBA FODDER?

Reconfiguring the post-season is one issue expected to come up in 2016 MLB collective bargaining.

Fans may get their best-of-three wild-card series if MLB goes to a shorter schedule someday — perhaps after 2016 collective bargaining. It would be one way to offset revenue losses from the regular season.

MLB STARS SQUARE OFF IN CINCINNATI Toronto Blue Jays American League all-stars Josh Donaldson and Russell Martin leave the field prior to the start of the all-star game on Tuesday night in Cincinnati. The American League won 6-3, giving the junior circuit champion home-field advantage in a potential Game 7 of the 2015 World Series. JOHN MINCHILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOLD CUP

Klinsmann shakes up scuffling U.S. side

Jurgen Klinsmann spouted optimism after the United States played Panama to a 1-1 draw to wrap up the group stage of the Gold Cup, reasoning that despite a trio of sluggish performances the Americans had still survived unbeaten.

That didn't stop Klinsmann from shaking up his roster less than 24 hours later.

The coach chose to add Da-Marcus Beasley, Joe Corona and Alan Gordon for the knockout rounds, which begin with the quarter-finals Saturday in Baltimore. Taking a seat are Greg Garza, Alfredo Morales and Jozy Altidore, who has been hampered by an ailing hamstring.

Teams could make up to six roster changes using their 35-player preliminary list.

Altidore started the first two games in the group stage but was substituted out of both. He was left on the bench against Panama on Monday night.

"We believe that Jozy's just not there yet. Jozy never really got into this tournament and never really picked up the rhythm," Klinsmann said in announcing the changes Tuesday. "He's just simply not in the shape right now to help us."

Jozy Altidore GETTY IMAGES

Klinsmann said he knew that Toronto FC's Altidore might not be match fit when he selected him for the Gold Cup, and that's why Gordon was on standby from the beginning. The Los Angeles Galaxy striker will make his 2015 debut for the national team after playing in the Gold Cup two years ago.

The U.S. finished 2-0-1 atop Group A, though the unblemished run wasn't without stress. The Americans scuffled to a 2-1 victory over Honduras and needed a big play from Clint Dempsey for a 1-0 victory over Haiti. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Go to metronews.ca for coverage of Canada's match against Costa Rica on Tuesday night.

NHL IN BRIEF

Bournival back with Habs
Forward Michael Bournival agreed to a one-year, two-way contract with the Montreal Canadiens on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old Bournival played 29 games with the Canadiens in 2014-15 with three goals and two assists. He was a plus-3 with just four penalty minutes.

Bournival had three goals and six assists in 12 games with the American Hockey League's Hamilton Bulldogs, with a plus-4 defensive rating. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Devils hang on to Gelinas
The New Jersey Devils have re-signed defenceman Eric Gelinas to a two-year, $3.15-million US contract.

Devils general manager Ray Shero announced the signing on Tuesday. The team had maintained its rights to the restricted free agent by making a qualifying offer late last month.

Gelinas led all New Jersey defencemen with six goals, playing in a career-high 61 games last season. He finished tied for third among all NHL rookie defencemen with seven goals and 22 assists in 60 appearances the previous season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rangers sign up RFA duo
The New York Rangers have signed restricted free agent forwards Emerson Etem and Oscar Lindberg.

General manager Jeff Gorton announced the moves on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old Etem was acquired after the season from Anaheim in a trade for Carl Hagelin and draft picks.

Etem had five goals and five assists in 45 games for the Anaheim. He also had three goals in 12 post-season games. The California native has 15 career goals and 16 assists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOUR DE FRANCE

Froome lands Stage 10 'hammer blow'

Chris Froome used the first high-mountain stage of this year's Tour de France to take control of the race, powering up a punishing climb in the Pyrenees on Tuesday at a pace none of his rivals could match.

Froome and his Sky teammates killed off the hopes of one contender after another, including 2014 winner Vincenzo Nibali, the first of the big favourites to crack on the final ascent of Stage 10 to the ski station of La Pierre-Saint-Martin.

As Sky led the way, with three support riders strung out in front of Froome to tug him up the gradients, the lead group shrunk to less than a dozen of the hardiest climbers. Alberto Contador, the 2007 and 2009 winner, was the next former champion to wilt as Sky rider Richie Porte generated another burst of speed.

With six kilometres to go, on some of the steepest sections, Froome tore away alone, out of the saddle as he accelerated. The last rider to stay with him, 2013 runner-up Nairo Quintana, couldn't respond and finished third behind Froome and Porte.

"Froome has landed a hammer blow on the Tour," said Nibali, the Astana team leader. "I have no more to give. I'm not even the younger brother of the Nibali from last year." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chris Froome crosses the finish line on Tuesday between Tarbes and La Pierre-Saint-Martin. GETTY IMAGES

ARMSTRONG'S TWO CENTS

Lance Armstrong took notice of Chris Froome's big day and spoke out on Twitter.

"Getting lots of questions regarding today's first mountain stage..." and "Clearly Froome/Porte/Sky are very strong. Too strong to be clean? Don't ask me, I have no clue," Armstrong wrote.

It was a provocative question from a rider who was wiped from the record books for using PEDs. Critics swiftly noted his past cheating.

"I'm not accusing anyone," Armstrong quickly responded. "In fact, quite the opposite. I'm not interested (nor do I have the credibility) to opine there." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Asian Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad with Peanut Dressing

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Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes

Ingredients
- 6 cups broccoli, cut into small florets
- 6 cups cauliflower, cut into small florets
- 1 cup cooked edamame
Peanut Dressing
- 1/4 cup chunky peanut butter
- 4 tsp light soy sauce
- 4 tsp rice vinegar
- 2 tsp honey
- 2 tsp minced ginger
- 1 tsp hot sauce
- 2 Tbsp water
- 1/8th tsp salt
Garnish
- 2 tsp sesame seeds
- 1/3 cup toasted chopped peanuts or cashews

Directions
1. Steam or boil broccoli and cauliflower just until fork tender, about 3-5 minutes. Add edamame during the last minute. Immediately rinse with cold water until no longer warm. Place in serving bowl.

2. In a small food processor, purée peanut butter, soy sauce, vinegar, honey, ginger, hot sauce, water and salt. Pour over vegetables. Garnish with sesame seeds and nuts.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 210
- Protein 13 g
- Carbohydrates 18 g
- Fat 11 g
- Saturated fat 1.5 g
- Cholesterol 0 mg
- Sodium 240 mg
- Fibre 6 g

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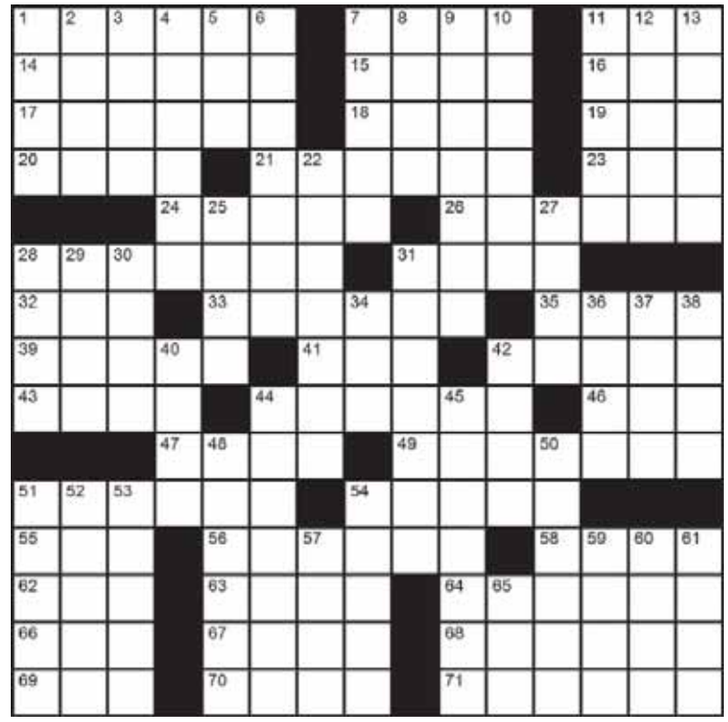

ACROSS
1. Ancient Egypt's divine beetle
7. One of a breath mint brand
11. Cheer!
14. Awaken after fainting: 2 wds.
15. On the briny
16. Exotic pet in a Barenaked Ladies tune
17. Wobbly
18. RCN, Royal Canadian _
19. _ knee (Injured leg joint)
20. Food fare featurer
21. Real
23. G7 summit attendee
24. The blahs
26. _ lava
28. Flip, as a boat
31. Nimble
32. UK award since 1917
33. Desert plant
35. Mr. Gosling
39. Curriculum _ (Work bio)
41. Mo. after July
42. 'Pet' annoyance
43. Campbell's soup flavour 'Vegetable beef with barley' ...in French: Legumes au boeuf _ _ _'orge
44. 1588 Spanish fleet
46. Ventilate
47. Fasten/secure
49. Canadian celebrity chef who has his own self-titled magazine
51. Had the opposite of a nightmare
54. Prying tool
55. Long period
56. Next to
58. Toy construction set brand
62. American flight watchdog org.
63. Division
64. One-_ (Minutes-in-duration short film from the olden days)
66. Tolkien creature
67. Civil or Electrical, e.g.
68. Family-owned New Brunswick chocolatier since 1873
69. The bar on "Cheers", _. 1895
70. Reasonable
71. US Supreme Court Justice Ms. Kagan, and namesakes

DOWN
1. Bathroom cleanser's target
2. Scoop holder
3. Prayer ender
4. Variety shows
5. Supped
6. Western series that starred Canadian actor Lorne Greene as Ben Cartwright
7. "Over the Rainbow" ending: "If happy little bluebirds fly / Beyond the rainbow why, oh, why _ _?"
8. Old Testament twin
9. Overhauls
10. Mr. Lautner of 'Twilight' flicks
11. Counter in a debate
12. Provide cheer
13. Earth man
22. Teleprompter-on-paper: 2 wds.
25. Gracious
27. Ancient harp
28. Peggys _, NS
29. Somewhat: 2 wds.
30. Anti-fur gr.
31. Sweetened
34. Rum _ Tugger (Cats character)
36. Birthdate info
37. Keen
38. Roman emperor
40. Actress Jessica
42. Tempo
44. Beetle's sensory organ
45. Branch off
48. Permeates
50. Ms. Dickinson of "Dragons' Den" fame
51. Robinson Crusoe author Daniel
52. Bellows
53. Legislate
54. Milk carton size
57. Do it on the dotted line
59. PayPal co-founder Mr. Musk
60. Ms. Rowlands of "The Notebook" (2004)
61. Associations [abbr.]
65. 'Arbor' suffix

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Your feelings for a certain individual will come to the fore over the next 24 hours and it could cause problems. Someone will be intensely jealous that you have a new friend.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Be wary of people who say they have only your interests at heart. With both Mars and Mercury at odds with Pluto today you cannot afford to take chances.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You are in an adventurous mood and have no intention of sitting around in the same old places, with the same old people and doing the same old things. You crave excitement and you are sure to get it before the end of the week.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You can, if you wish, force your views and opinions on other people today but it's unlikely to do you much good in the long term. The moment you let down your guard, they will go back to believing what they have always believed.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You seem to be in a negative frame of mind at the moment but you really should cheer up a bit. You have so much going for you and so much to look forward to. If you can't see that now, don't worry — you will soon.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You know that if you take a certain course of action you will regret it in the long term, so cast the idea from your mind.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are in one of your brutally honest moods and anyone of a sensitive disposition had best stay out of your way. Be careful who you criticize though. Some people have the power to make life difficult for you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Yes, you are in the right. Yes, the facts are all on your side. But that does not matter. The only thing that counts today is who has the most power and, sadly, it isn't you. Don't pick fights you cannot possibly win.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Someone you thought you could trust is actually conspiring against you. Fortunately, someone who is a real friend will warn you, but will you believe them?

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The planets warn that others may play on your fears. The Sun in your opposite sign may give your rivals the upper hand but you are under no obligation to make things easy for them.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be tempted to crawl back into your shell and pretend that the world outside does not exist but you won't do it. You are smart enough to know that ignoring your problems will only make them worse.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If there is anything of a detailed nature that you have to do you should postpone it for another day. The planets warn you will be easily distracted over the next 24 hours.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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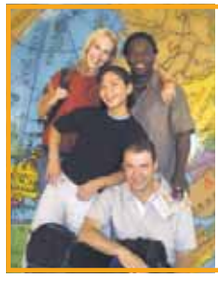
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